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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, S.W. - Portals
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Bell Atlantic Corp. and GTE Corp., CC Docket No. 98-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 24, 2003, Verizon made a wire transfer of \$259,123.00 to the FCC as instructed by the FCC Revenues and Receivables Operations Group to be forwarded to the U.S. Treasury as voluntary payment for metrics missed during the performance months of August 2003, September 2003 and October 2003. Payment was made pursuant to Condition V, Paragraph 16 of Appendix D to the order approving the merger between Bell Atlantic and GTE (“Merger Order”) and this notice is provided pursuant to Paragraph 13, Attachment A of the same Appendix D.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: D. Lee